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1. ASSUME FROM REFTELS THAT PARTY PLANS ARRIVE BY TRAIN AT BORDER AT SUMCHUN AT 10005, CROSS BORDER AND DEPART AT 1114 BY TRAIN FOR ARRIVAL KOWLOON STATION AT 1222. CONGEN VEHICLES WOULD THEN TRANSPORT PARTY AND BAGGAGE TO AIRPORT FOR 1400 DEPARTURE. WHILE ABOVE SCHEDULE PRACTICABLE, IT INVOLVES TRANSFER OF PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE BOTH AT LOWU AND KOWLOON STATION.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, CONSULATE GENERAL OFFERS FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES FOR CODEL CONSIDERATION: (A) CONSUL GENERAL WOULD MEET PARTY AT BORDER (LOWU) AT 1030 WITH GROUP OF CARS AND BAGGAGE TRUCK. PARTY COULD THEN PROCEED DIRECTLY TO AIRPORT, ARRIVING THERE APPROXIMATELY 1200 HOURS. THIS WOULD ENABLE PARTY TO LEAVE HONG KONG SEVERAL HOURS EARLIER THAN SCHEDULED, HAVE LUNCH ABOARD AIRCRAFT, AND THEN ARRIVE AT GUAM EARLIER. (B) CONSUL GENERAL WITH GROUP OF CARS WOULD MEET PARTY AT BORDER AND ACCOMPANY THEN TO LUNCH AT PENINSULA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOTEL IN HONG KONG BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE AIRPORT FOR

SCHEDULED 1400 DEPARTURE. BAGGAGE TRUCK WOULD GO DIRECTLY TO AIRPORT FROM LOWU.

3. PLEASE ADVISE CODEL'S PREFERENCE TO ENABLE CONGEN TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS.

4. BOTH LOCAL AND FOREIGN PRESS WILL HEAR ABOUT PARTY'S DEPARTURE THROUGH HONG KONG AND PROBABLY WILL REQUEST OUR ASSISTANCE IN OBRAINING PERMISSION TO MEET PARTY AT LOWU. CAN ALSO EXPECT SEVERAL REQUESTS FROM AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS HERE FOR INTERVIEWS AND /OR PRESS CONFERENCE. DECISION ACCEDE THESE REQUESTS, OF COURSE, FOR SPEAKER ALBERT AND MINORITY LEADER RHODES TO MAKE. APPRECIATE GUIDANCE.

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